

HB2716



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-1

from Ch. 46, par. 11-1

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, in counties under township organization, an election authority may combine a township with another township to constitute one election precinct if the townships are contiguous and 2 or more specified conditions are satisfied. Provides that the election authority shall consider voter convenience and election integrity when determining whether to combine a township with another township to constitute one election precinct.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Section 11-1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-1)

7 Sec. 11-1. In counties not under township organization,
8 the election precincts shall remain as now established until
9 changed by the Board of County Commissioners, but said County
10 Board may, from time to time, change the boundaries of
11 election precincts and establish new ones. In counties under
12 township organization, an election authority may combine a
13 township with another township to constitute one election
14 precinct if the townships are contiguous and 2 or more of the
15 following conditions are satisfied:

16 (1) the election authority certifies to the State
17 Board of Elections that the townships have been combined
18 into one election precinct for the 2 preceding general
19 elections;

20 (2) there are no more than 1,800 registered voters in
21 the townships combined;

22 (3) there are no more than 500 registered voters in a
23 precinct within either township; or

1 (4) the majority of the board of township trustees for
2 both townships vote to combine the townships into one
3 election precinct and inform the election authority of
4 that decision.

5 The election authority shall consider voter convenience
6 and election integrity when determining whether to combine a
7 township with another township to constitute one election
8 precinct. ~~In counties under township organization, each town~~
9 ~~shall constitute at least one election precinct.~~

10 Insofar as is practicable, each precinct shall be
11 situated within a single congressional, legislative and
12 representative district and within a single municipal ward. In
13 order to situate each precinct within a single district or
14 ward, the County Board shall change the boundaries of election
15 precincts after each decennial census as soon as is
16 practicable following the completion of congressional and
17 legislative redistricting.

18 At any consolidated primary or consolidated election at
19 which municipal officers are to be elected, and at any
20 emergency referendum at which a public question relating to a
21 municipality is to be voted on, notwithstanding any other
22 provision of this Code, the election authority shall establish
23 a polling place within such municipality upon the request of
24 the municipal council or board of trustees at least 60 days
25 before the election and provided that the municipality
26 provides a suitable polling place. To accomplish this purpose,

1 the election authority may establish an election precinct
2 constituting a single municipality of under 500 population for
3 all elections, notwithstanding the minimum precinct size
4 otherwise specified herein.

5 Notwithstanding the above, when there are not more than 50
6 registered voters in a precinct who are entitled to vote in a
7 local government or school district election, the election
8 authority having jurisdiction over the precinct is authorized
9 to reassign such voters to one or more polling places in
10 adjacent precincts, within or without the election authority's
11 jurisdiction, for that election. For the purposes of such
12 local government or school district election only, the votes
13 of the reassigned voters shall be tallied and canvassed as
14 votes from the precinct of the polling place to which such
15 voters have been reassigned. The election authority having
16 jurisdiction over the precinct shall approve all
17 administrative and polling place procedures. Such procedures
18 shall take into account voter convenience, and ensure that the
19 integrity of the election process is maintained and that the
20 secrecy of the ballot is not violated.

21 Except in the event of a fire, flood or total loss of heat
22 in a place fixed or established by any election authority
23 pursuant to this Section as a polling place for an election, no
24 election authority shall change the location of a polling
25 place so established for any precinct after notice of the
26 place of holding the election for that precinct has been given

1 as required under Article 12 unless the election authority
2 notifies all registered voters in the precinct of the change
3 in location by first class mail in sufficient time for such
4 notice to be received by the registered voters in the precinct
5 at least one day prior to the date of the election.

6 The provisions of this Section apply to all precincts,
7 including those where voting machines or electronic voting
8 systems are used.

9 If, as a result of the redistricting of legislative,
10 representative, or congressional districts following a
11 decennial census, there exists a census block with only one
12 voter that is the only census block in a precinct that is in a
13 legislative, representative, or congressional district, then
14 the county board, at any meeting of the county board, may
15 change the precinct boundaries so that the census block is
16 within a precinct that has more than one voter in the
17 legislative, representative, or congressional district.

18 (Source: P.A. 88-525.)